

FISCAL NOTE

HB 518 - SB 1189

February 10, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes a Class A misdemeanor for any person to hunt or kill an elk out of season. Provides that the court shall have the authority to order payments of restitution to the TWRA as part of punishment for any person convicted of illegally or improperly killing or possessing a wild elk. In addition to any other relevant factors to consider when determining the amount of restitution, the court shall include the costs associated with the reintroduction of a wild elk. Creates civil damages against a person illegally or improperly killing or possessing an elk and establishes a fine of \$1,000 for each wild elk killed or possessed payable to the TWRA.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase State Revenues - Not Significant/Wildlife Resources Fund

Impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

Assumes a not significant increase in revenues from the collection of civil damages and restitution.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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